

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as presented below.

1. (Currently amended) A seat cushion for a personal mobility vehicle, the seat cushion comprising:

a base;

a pressure-distributing medium supported by the base; and

a cover covering the base and the pressure-distributing medium; wherein the cover comprises:

a pocket for receiving the pressure-distributing medium.

2. (Original) The seat cushion of claim 1, wherein the pressure-distributing medium is a fluid pad.

3. (Original) The seat cushion of claim 1, wherein the base includes a posterior seat well for receiving bony prominences of a wheelchair occupant.

4. (Original) The seat cushion of claim 3, wherein the pocket is positioned at a rear of the cover substantially over the seat well.

5. (Original) The seat cushion of claim 1, wherein the pocket is provided within the cover.

6. (Original) The seat cushion of claim 1, wherein the pocket includes an opening at a front end thereof.

7. (Currently amended) The seat cushion of claim 1, wherein the pocket is closed along a rear and lateral sides of the cover.

8. (Original) The seat cushion of claim 1, further including at least one fastener in the pocket for securing the pressure-distributing medium therein.

9. (Original) The seat cushion of claim 8, wherein the at least one fastener is in the form of a hook-and-loop type fastener.

10. (Original) The seat cushion of claim 1, further comprising top and bottom fabric panels joined together with an opening provided therebetween that is selectively opened and closed via one or more fasteners.

11. (Original) The seat cushion of claim 10, wherein the one or more fasteners is a slideable fastener.

12. (Currently amended) The A seat cushion of claim 10 for a personal mobility vehicle, the seat cushion comprising:

a base;

a pressure-distributing medium supported by the base; and

a cover covering the base and the pressure-distributing medium, wherein the cover comprises:

a pocket for receiving the pressure-distributing medium; and

top and bottom fabric panels joined together with an opening provided therebetween that is selectively opened and closed via one or more fasteners, wherein the pocket is formed from a piece of fabric secured adjacent an underside of a the top fabric panel so that an opening is presented along one side of the pocket.

13. (Currently amended) ~~The~~ A seat cushion of claim 10 for a personal mobility vehicle, the seat cushion comprising:

a base;  
a pressure-distributing medium supported by the base; and  
a cover covering the base and the pressure-distributing medium, wherein the cover comprises:  
a pocket for receiving the pressure-distributing medium; and  
top and bottom fabric panels joined together with an opening provided therebetween that is selectively opened and closed via one or more fasteners, wherein a first fastening element is affixed to a top surface of ~~the~~ a piece of fabric and a second fastening element is affixed to a bottom of the pressure-distributing medium, the first and second fastening element being adapted to be secured together to hold the pressure-distributing medium firmly in the pocket.

14. (Original) A method for carrying the pressure-distributing medium in a personal mobility vehicle cushion, the method comprising the steps of:

a) providing a cushion cover having a pocket;  
b) inserting a pressure-distributing medium in the pocket; and  
c) inserting a base in the cover so that the pressure-distributing medium is positioned above the base.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14, after step c) further comprising the step of fastening the cover closed.

16. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein step a) comprises the step of providing the pocket within the cover.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein step a) further comprises the step of providing a pocket opening that faces interiorly of the cover.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein step a) further comprises the step of providing a pocket opening that further faces forward of the cover.

19. (Currently amended) ~~The A method of claim 14~~ for carrying the pressure-distributing medium in a personal mobility vehicle cushion, the method comprising the steps of:

a) providing a cushion cover having a pocket;  
b) ~~before step b), further comprises the step of turning the cover inside out;~~  
c) inserting a pressure-distributing medium in the pocket;  
d) ~~and before step c), further comprises the step of turning the cover right side out; and~~

e) inserting a base in the cover so that the pressure-distributing medium is positioned above the base.

20. (Currently amended) ~~The A method of claim 14~~ method for carrying the pressure-distributing medium in a personal mobility vehicle cushion, the method comprising the steps of:

a) providing a cushion cover having a pocket;  
b) inserting a pressure-distributing medium in the pocket;  
c) ~~further comprising the step of securing the pressure-distributing medium to the inside of the pocket; and~~  
d) inserting a base in the cover so that the pressure-distributing medium is positioned above the base.